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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Panel for Future Satellite Reconnaissance  
Operations

1. The Panel which you appointed to consider questions related to the future satellite reconnaissance program has concluded its study, and I am transmitting herewith our Report. May I say at the outset that the group of Panel members and consultants over which you asked me to preside was an extremely well-informed, thoughtful, and conscientious group. I want to express my personal gratitude to the Panel members and consultants, and also my appreciation for the excellent staff support with which we were provided.

2. I know that you appreciate that time was a severely limiting factor. Because our study had to be compressed into so short a period, we had to limit the number of questions we could come to grips with. Within these limitations, however, I think the Panel has examined carefully and objectively the major questions you set before us.

3. The Panel had two full day meetings on 4 and 5 June which were preceded by special briefings of some of the members. Our Report has gone through several stages of drafting in the course of which the Panel members were consulted, individually or in small groups. Except for very minor editorial changes our Report, as submitted herewith, has been reviewed by all Panel members, who concur substantially in its findings except where specifically noted to the contrary in the Report itself.

4. In behalf of the Panel members and consultants, I wish to express our appreciation of the privilege and responsibility you have

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assigned to us in calling on us to serve in this way. It is our sincere hope that our counsel, in some way, will benefit the work of the Intelligence Community.

*SIGNED*

EDWARD M. PURCELL  
Chairman  
Reconnaissance Panel

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